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County Attorney Rick Romley announced today that after review of psychological and psychiatric evaluations that Sean Wayne Botkin will remain in the adult Criminal Justice System.

County Attorney Rick Romley said that, "Sean Botkin is alleged to have entered an eighth grade classroom at the Pioneer School armed with a fully loaded 9mm semiautomatic revolver and is obviously a very disturbed young man.

The Arizona Constitution limits the length of time the Juvenile Court has authority over a person to 18-years of age. Upon obtaining the age of 18, Sean Botkin would no longer be subject to oversight by the Court and any treatment being afforded to him would have to end. This is not acceptable in light of the seriousness of the situation and the inability to predict his future conduct.

My review of the psychological and psychiatric reports reveals that Sean Botkin is in need of long term monitoring and treatment. Therefore, Sean Botkin will be tried within the adult system, thereby affording the greatest flexibility. I believe this decision is in the best interest of Sean Botkin and the community at large."